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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Geographic Research Area

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SUBJECT :

activities

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1. During [redacted] visit here, we all spent several hours discussing procurement problems with [redacted] made several observations which may be of interest to [redacted]

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He makes two short (2-3 weeks) trips a year to Germany on procurement missions [redacted] He has done this for some number of years. Since he is bi-lingual (I'm told), he has excellent relations with his contacts. He has won the confidence of these contacts to the extent he is told things and shown things he thinks would not be divulged to any other outsider.

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Due to the infrequency of his visits, he feels he can not follow up leads he considers might lead indirectly (through a clandestine service) to procurement of very valuable material, for example, East German topographic maps.

He believes he could do very valuable work if he were able to spend more time in Germany. He is under the impression there is some sort of purely administrative problem (such as job-title) which prevents this.

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2. [redacted] is going to be in Washington in mid-July. If you there think it wise, perhaps he could be asked his own opinion of [redacted] procurement potential. If high, it is possible that some expression of interest from us might lead to more action from [redacted] own staff on this procurement problem.

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"I'm sure when he  
returns not to make  
"Don"*

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